

## DEEP POND (Falmouth)

## General Information:

This 24-acre natural kettlehole pond has an average depth of 14 feet and a maximum depth of 28 feet. Transparency is excellent, extending to 20 feet. The bottom is composed of rubble and sand. The shoreline is moderately developed with residential homes.

The pond is located just east of Sam Turner Road, less than a mile south of Route 151. To get there, take Route 28 to Route 151; take Route 151 east (south) for a little more than a mile; take a right onto Sam Turner Road. Access is rather poor, but there are two sites. The first is right off Sam Turner Road on the swampy cove at the southwestern end of the pond. This is suitable only for canoes or very light weight craft, as the launch is basically into a swamp: if there are low water conditions, it is virtually impassible. The other access site, owned by the town, is very steep and located at the end of Pondview Drive.

This pond was reclaimed in 1963 and again in 1971. In both cases yellow perch was the dominant species, followed by pumpkinseed and brown bullhead. The pond was treated with lime in 1979 to counteract the effects of acidification.

## Fish Populations:

A thorough fisheries survey has not been conducted at this pond for many years, but a seining sample taken in 1991 revealed abundant young-of-the-year largemouth bass and banded killifish. Pumpkinseed and brown bullhead are also known to be present. The pond is stocked with trout every spring.

## Fishing:

This is primarily a put-and-take trout water, offering good fishing from April through June. Try casting streamers, small spoons and spinners, or fish worms or doughbaits near the bottom. The water warms too much in summer to carry trout throughout the year.

The only summer gamefish option is the largemouth bass, but we have insufficient data to make predictions about the number and average size of the fish. Based on the healthy population of young bass sampled in 1991, this pond should offer some fast action, at least for small bass. The continuing health of the population will almost certainly depend on periodic treatments with lime to counteract the effects of acidification.

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